

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI
PROJECT 39A

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: SOCIAL WORK FELLOW FOR NAGPUR

Position: The National Law University, Delhi (“University”) is seeking to engage on a contractual basis, Social Work Fellow for Nagpur (1 position) for the Fair Trial Fellowship programme of Project 39A supported by a grant from the Azim Premji Foundation.

The Social Work Fellows in the programme will focus on crucial socio-legal field work relating to cases of undertrial prisoners and support the Legal Fellows in ensuring that the undertrial prisoner is provided quality legal representation. The period of engagement will be for one year and any extension will be subject to the needs of the Programme and availability of funds.

About the programme: The Fair Trial Fellowship Programme (‘the Programme’) is an opportunity for young lawyers and social workers to work for providing quality legal representation to undertrial prisoners. The Programme mentors a group of young professionals to work in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority towards ensuring fair trial for undertrial prisoners at both pre-trial and trial stages. The Programme is rolled out for work in Nagpur and Pune Central prisons. The twin goals of the programme are to reduce the undertrial population in prisons in Pune and Nagpur and to strengthen the legal aid system in Maharashtra. To this end, there is a research as well as a litigation component to the programme. The programme has its offices in Pune and Nagpur.

Responsibilities:

This is a full time paid position based in Nagpur. Selected candidates will be expected to reside within the municipal limits of the city of their selection but may be required to travel frequently to other districts as per programme needs.

The responsibilities of the Social Work Fellows will include:

- A. Visiting the Prisons, interacting with undertrial prisoners, identifying individuals who need legal aid from the DLSA and supporting them in writing applications to DLSA.
- B. Identifying undertrial prisoners entitled for bail/early release and refer such cases to the DLSA and the Prison Authorities.
- C. Socio-legal case work interventions and handholding undertrial prisoners through the legal proceedings at both pre-trial and trial stage.
- D. Home visits and working with families of under trials in gathering information/documents relevant to their case.
- E. Coordinating with other authorities if required for gathering relevant documents like age proof, address proof, medical certificates etc.
- F. Identifying special needs of under trials including pregnancy, claims for juvenility, disability, terminal illnesses, mental health issues etc.

- G. Travelling as required to meet and communicate with family members of undertrial prisoners and other persons who may have oral and documentary information relevant for mitigation of the prisoners, using the tools and techniques for communication and obtaining information devised.
- H. Coordinating with Legal Fellows and providing relevant socio-legal inputs in individual cases.
- I. Case Documentation with details of interventions for cases handled.
- J. Organising and conducting training workshops and conferences.
- K. Documentation and Reporting as per programmatic needs.
- L. Any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of the Fellowship Programme.

Qualifications:

- A. Postgraduate qualification in social work (M.A. in Social Work/MSW) or any other helping Professions/Social Science/Humanities subject or related areas from a Central/Deemed/State-Recognised University.
- B. Minimum of two years experience (full time) in intervention work at the grass root level is desired.
- C. Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking Marathi
- D. Ability to read, write and speak English
- E. Familiarity with the use of MS-Office, emails and the internet
- F. Prior work experience within institutions in the criminal justice system is desirable.

The above qualifications may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances

Compensation: Fellows will be paid a fellowship amount of INR 30,000 per month.

Application Process: Interested persons must attach their resume and a statement of purpose, explaining their role and interest in working on this programme. The statement of purpose must not exceed 700 words. Shortlisted candidates will be called for the selection process which will be held in Nagpur. The selection process may have multiple rounds.

Applications and documents will be accepted only through the form here in the link <https://www.project39a.com/social-work-fellow-for-nagpur-2023>

Deadline: Applications must reach us by midnight of December 18, 2023 after which the applications will not be accepted.

Note:

1. National Law University Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.
2. Project 39-A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill these positions.
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email. If you do not hear from us within 4 weeks after the deadline, please assume that your application has not succeeded. Unfortunately, we cannot reply to individual queries about the status of applications.
5. National Law University Delhi is unable to cover the costs of attending interviews.
6. This is not an advertisement for regular government service.
7. These positions shall be paid under the grant received under Azim Premji Foundation.